

FIG. 1

FIG. 2 is a schematic diagram of a network topology. The network includes nodes A, B, C, D, E, and F. Node A is connected to node B by a solid line 102. Node B is connected to node C by a solid line 105. Node C is connected to node D by a dashed line 118. Node D is connected to node E by a dashed line 116. Node E is connected to node F by a dashed line 114. Node F is connected to node A by a dashed line 112. Node A is also connected to node D by a dashed line 120. Node B is connected to node F by a solid line 108. Node C is connected to node E by a solid line 104. Node D is connected to node F by a solid line 106. The network is labeled 100.

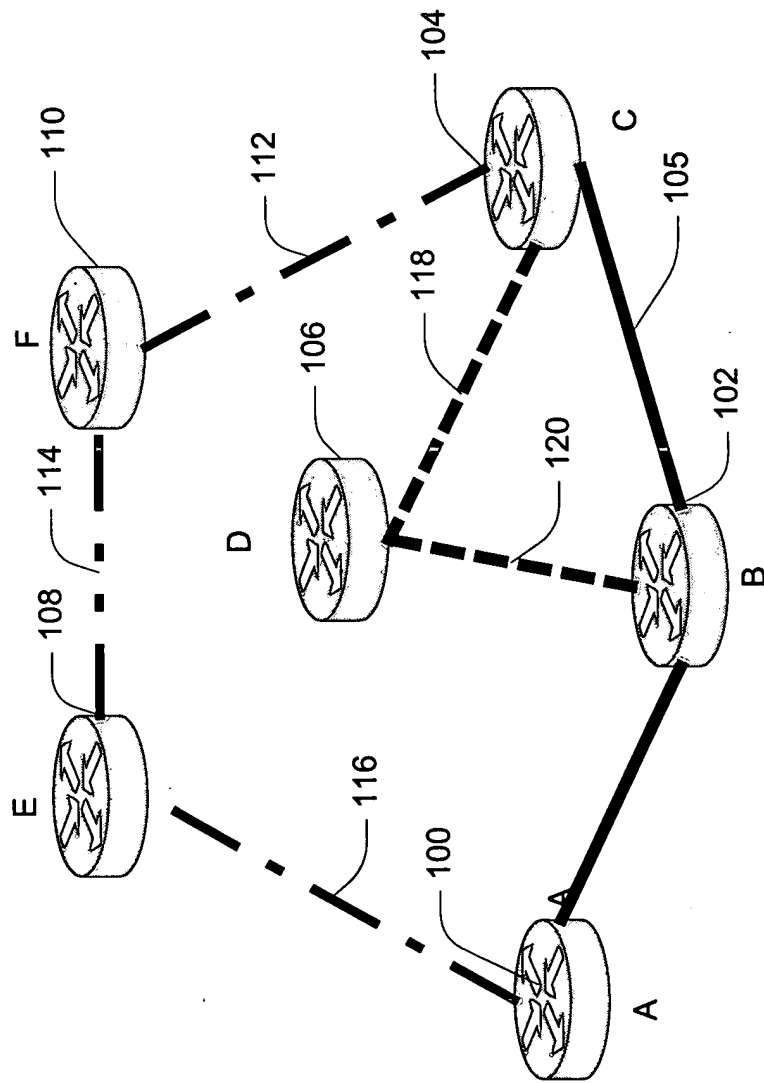


FIG. 2

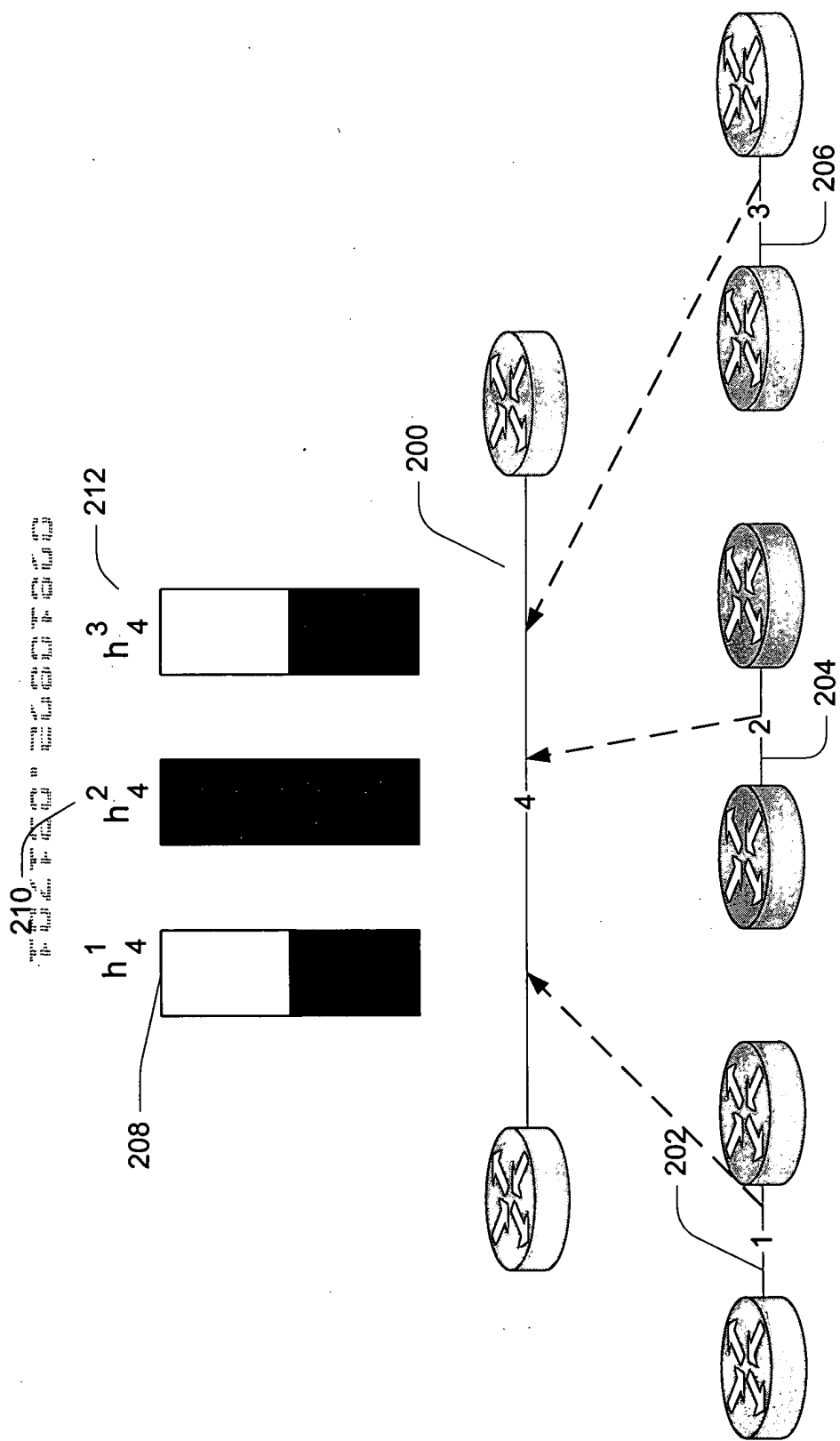


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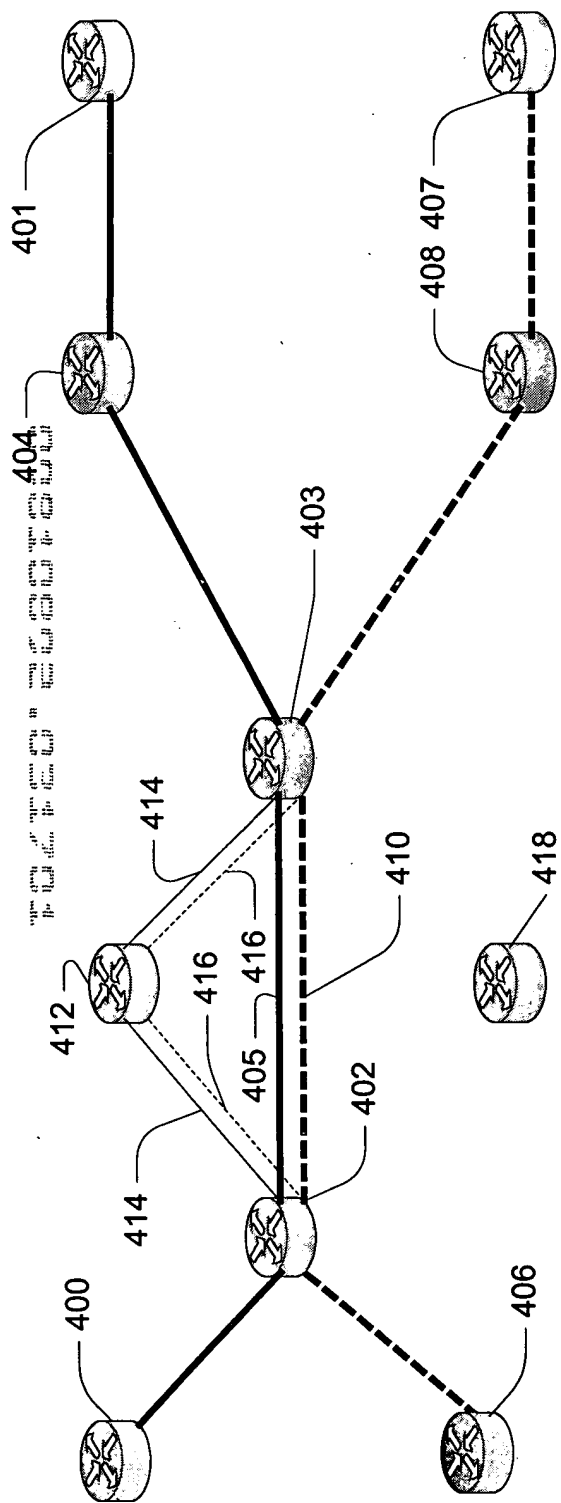


FIG. 4a

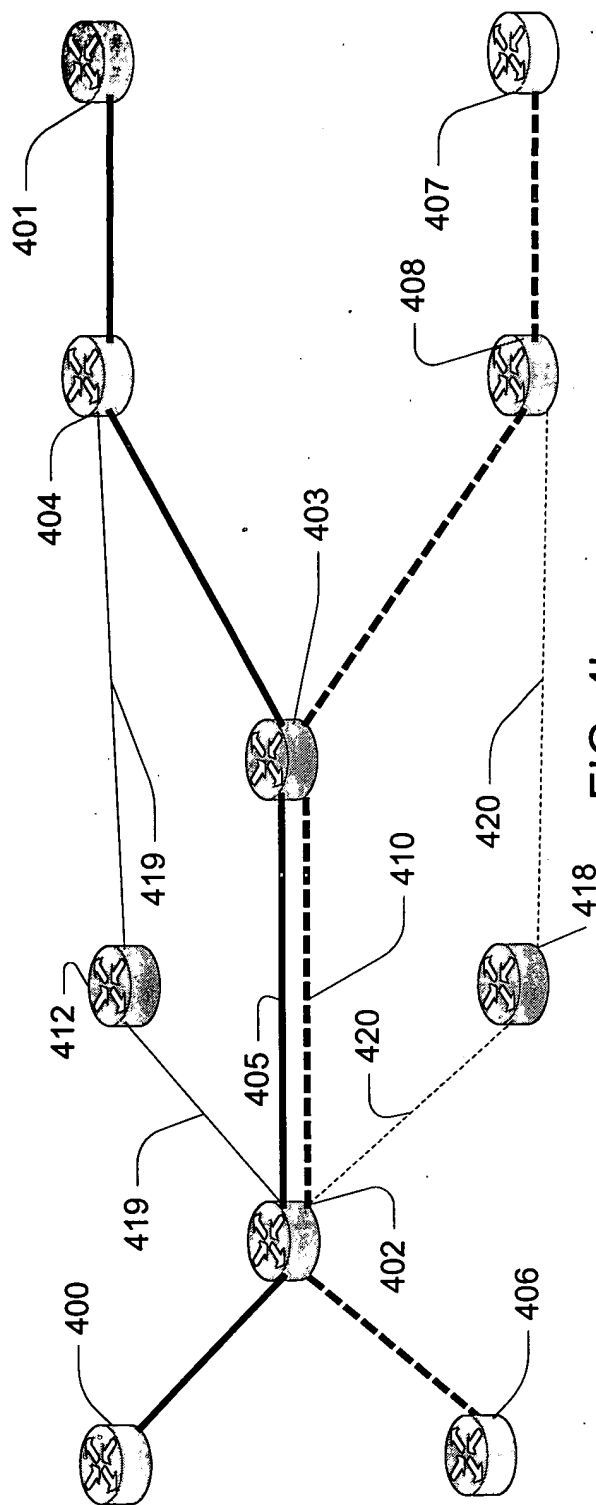


FIG. 4b

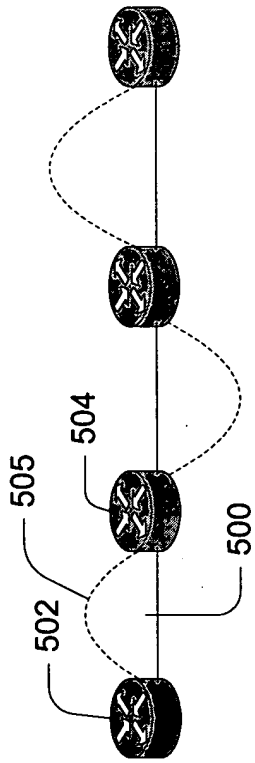


FIG. 5a

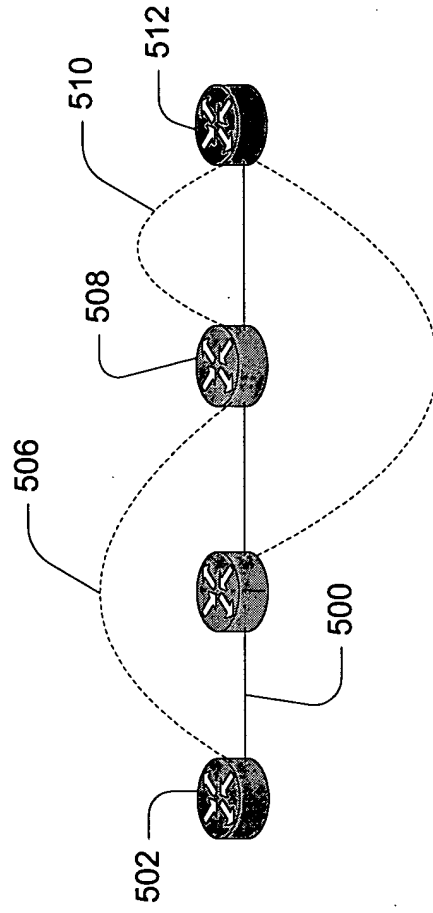


FIG. 5b

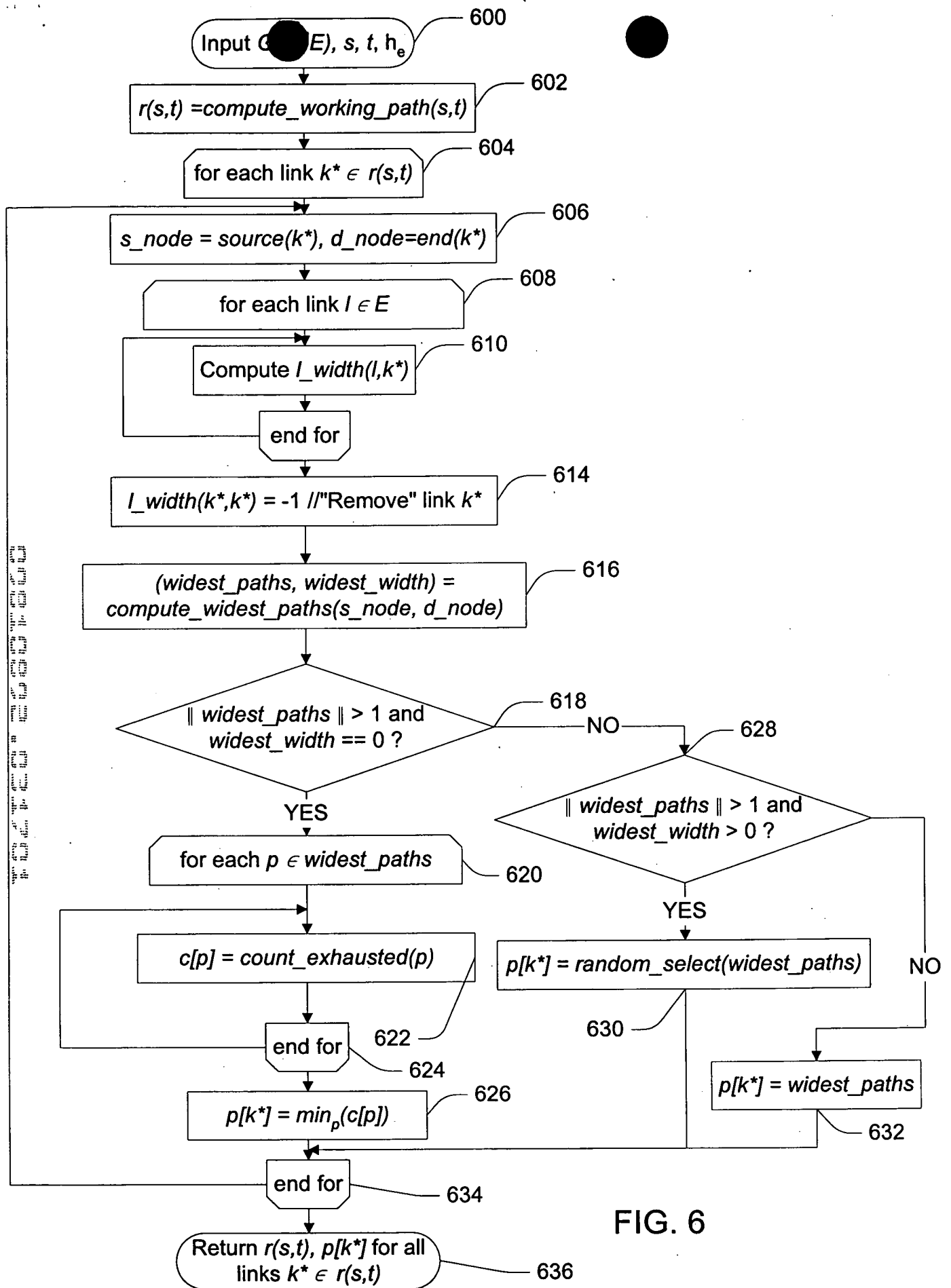


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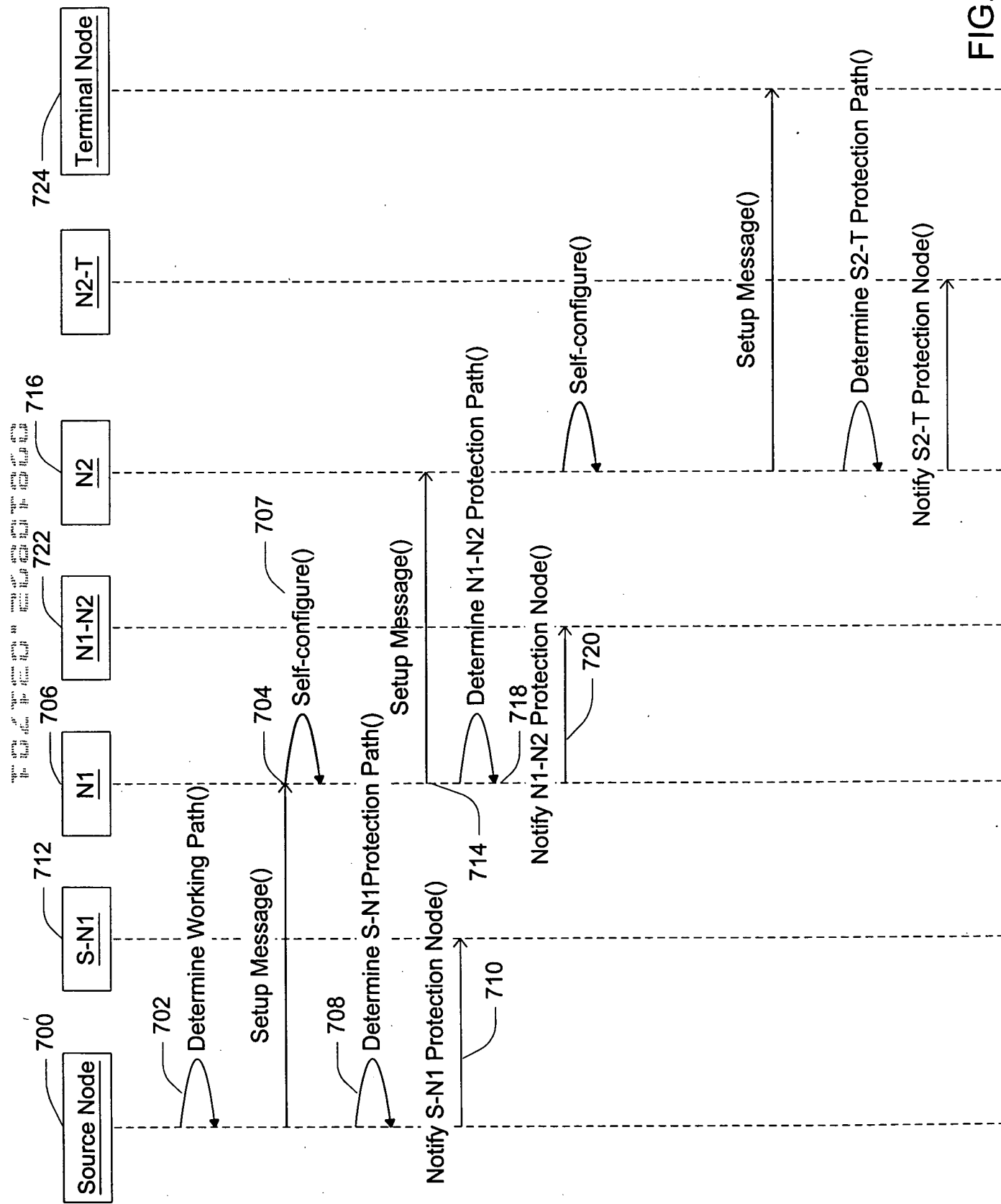


FIG. 7

FIG. 8 is a block diagram of a network switch 800.

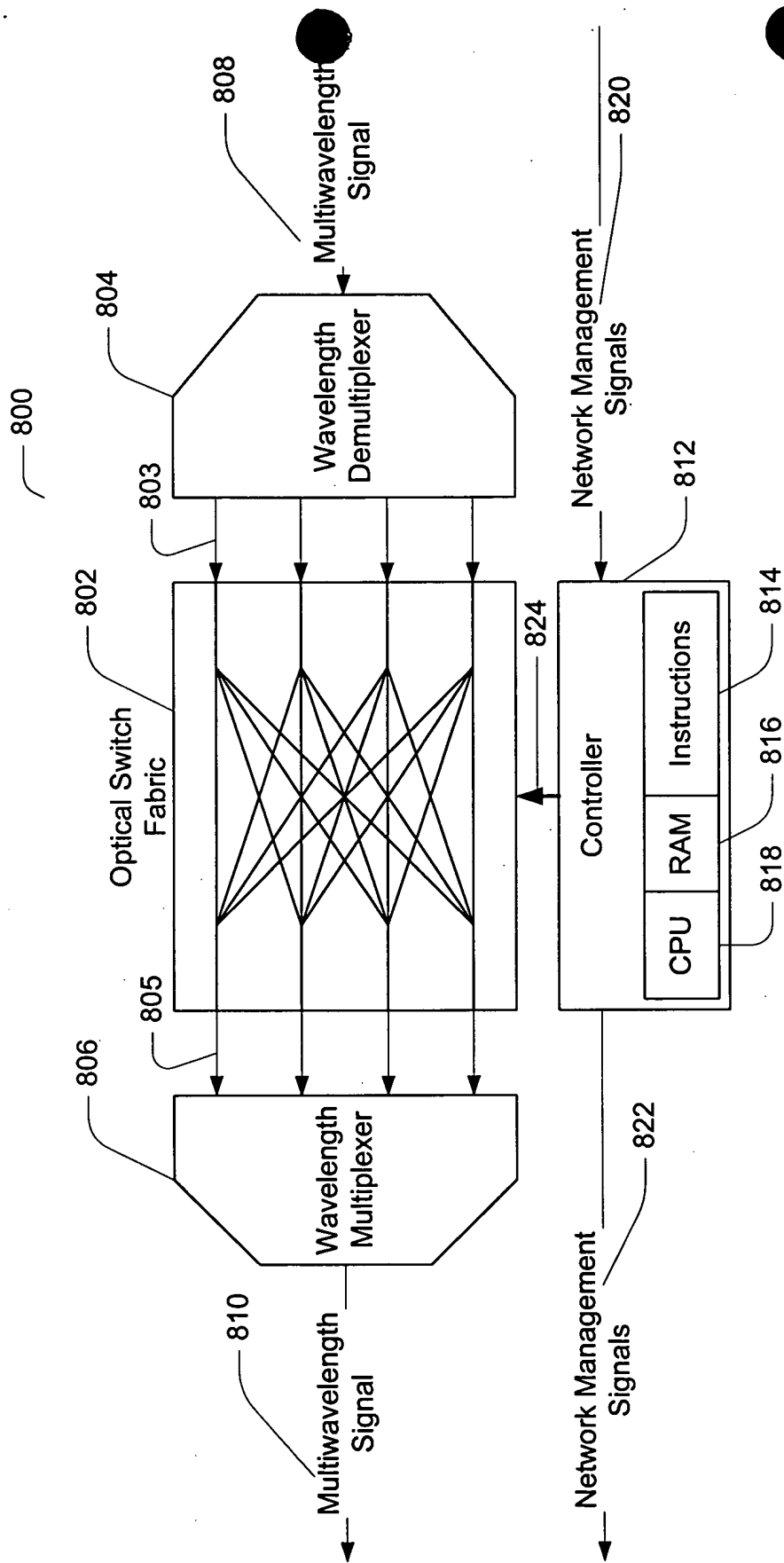


FIG. 8